

DEMPSEY MAY NOT BE THE MOST INTELLIGENT PERSON IN THE WORLD, BUT HE'S WELL "POSTED"

TY COBB IS LOSING CROWN TO RUTH IN POPULARITY LEAGUE

Famous Georgian, Whose Name Has Been Magnet, Is Being Crowded From Spotlight by \$125,000 Babe. Dempsey's Light Also Fading

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THE popular hero has become an institution in the United States. Somebody must be worshipped by the mob; some person, whatever be the nature of his prowess, must cause the congregated thousands to gulp in the throat...

The almost tragic need for heroes these days makes it possible for baseball, football, boxing, golf, tennis, billiards and all other forms of sport to enjoy wonderful popularity.

Some of the old boys still linger in the memories of the fans for a time, but they pass out of the picture, one by one and into the darkness.

Just as soon as a hero starts on the downgrade, a frantic search is made for a successor. Somebody has to take his place and it doesn't take long to find one.

They are looking to the colors of Babe Ruth, the \$125,000 slugger who busted his way into popularity with his war club and a record of twenty-nine home runs for one season.

No Less of Cobb, but More of Ruth

It surely looks as if Cobb will play second fiddle this coming season. The man who for fourteen years has not hit under .320 will make way for a youngster who has taken the public's fancy.

He has personality, which sticks out all over him. He waves to the bleachers, talks back to them, makes sensational catches, follows with wonderful throws, making all chances look easy.

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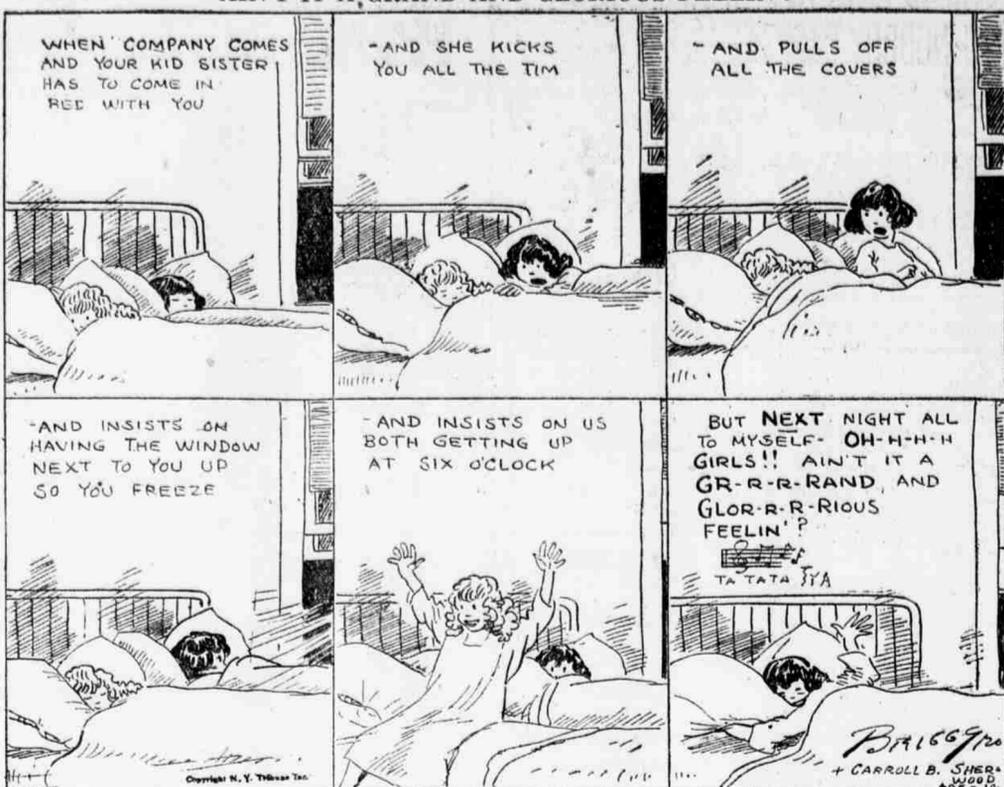
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ADEE OPPOSES TENNIS CHANGES

International Sports Alliance Should Be Preserved, Says National Ass'n President

Opposition to changes in the playing rules proposed for action at the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, is expressed by George T. Adee, the association's president.

So far as the rules are concerned, the principal objections relate to the new foot-fault rule, scoring system and method of conducting handicap events.

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CLEEK IS HARDEST IN GOLF BAG TO HANDLE

So Says Charlie Hoffner, Pennsylvania Open Champion, Who Has Won National Fame—Takes Shorter Grip With Ball Close

HERE is the hardest club in the bag to play," Charlie Hoffner, Pennsylvania open golf champion, pulls one of his shiny clubs out of his kit the other day at Philmont, where he is the pro.

Hoffner is a bombproof pro, a thorough student of the game, and, despite his comparative youth, is one of the best playing pros in the game.

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PLAYERS ASK PLACE ON COMMISSION

Believe Governing Body Should Be Changed—Huggins on Mysterious Errand

New York, Jan. 27.—When the National Commission is reorganized at the joint meeting of the major leagues in Chicago on February 11, an effort will probably be made by the ball players to gain recognition and a place on the governing body of the game.

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FRANK BRUGGY TOPS EASTERN SCORERS

Point-Scoring Records of Eastern League Team

Table with columns: Club, Points Made, Games Played, etc. Includes teams like Germantown, Camden, Reading, etc.

GALLEN LEADS IN CATHOLIC SCORING

Purple and Gold Guard Sets Pace With Total of 31 Points in League Race

Table with columns: Player, Points, Games Played, etc. Includes players like Galen, Mullen, etc.

ABILITY TO COUNT AT PENN

New Baseball Coach Says "Reps" or "Pul" Won't Go

"Baseball is in the rut at Penn, but we are going to try and pull it out," said Walter L. Cariss, newly appointed baseball coach at the University of Pennsylvania.

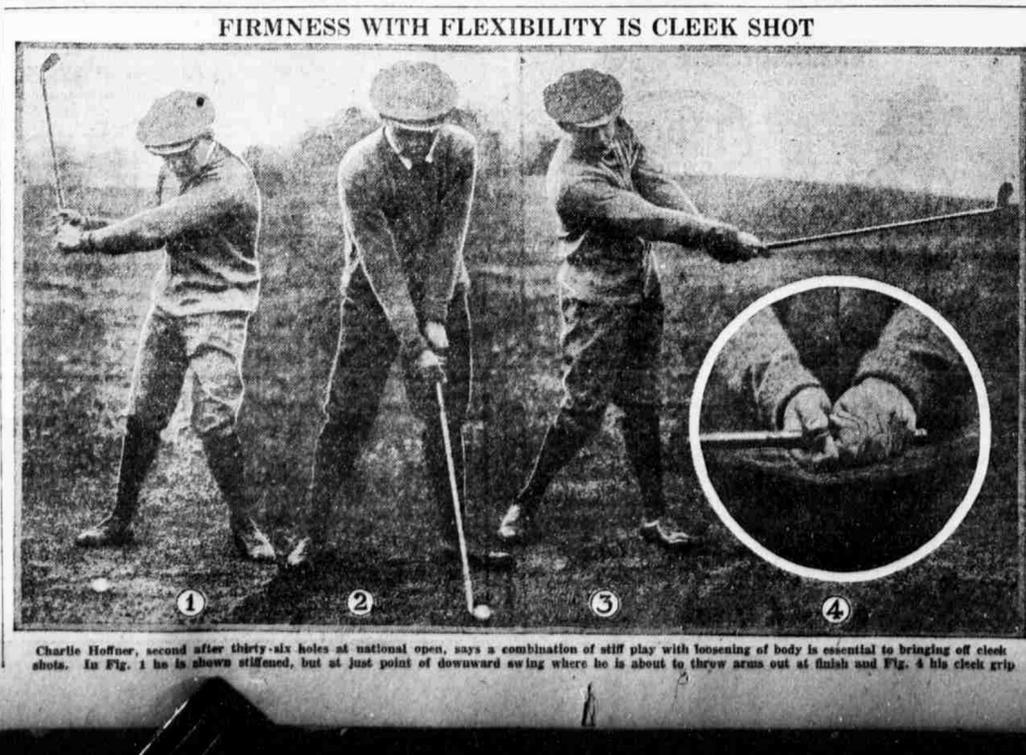
Yankee Owners Want Judge Landis

New York, Jan. 27.—Colonel Ruppert and Hunter, owners of the New York Yankees, have announced that they have selected Judge Landis as their new manager.

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Charlie Hoffner, second after thirty-six holes at national open, says a combination of stiff play with loosening of body is essential to bringing off cleek shots. In Fig. 1 he is shown stiffened, but at just point of downward swing where he is about to throw arms out at finish and Fig. 4 his cleek grip.